

Music, Song, and Dance Program. Mr. Connolly is an established Irish Fiddler and Gaelic musician, and his great success and technical precision in competitions in the '60s were extremely influential in setting a high standard of craft for today's players. Mr. Connolly first came to the United States in 1972 as a member of the first Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE) tour. After immigrating to the United States in 1976, Mr. Connolly settled in Groton, Massachusetts, and entered into the realm of teaching to extend his knowledge of music at the request of Larry Reynolds, President of the local branch of CCE. His presence and committed teaching in Boston is influential throughout the East Coast, making it a badge of honor for the area's musicians to have a tune from Mr. Connolly, and his work with the Gaelic Roots Summer Program at Boston College makes the tradition accessible to an ever broadening circle.

In 1993, Mr. Connolly began the Gaelic Roots Summer Program as an indoor festival, which has progressed into an array of workshops, exhibitions, classes, and a concert series. In addition to his teaching, Mr. Connolly is a recipient of the Irish Echo Traditional Artist of the Year Award for 2002, and a ten-time winner of the Irish National Championship. He has produced numerous recordings, and a 132-page book with more than 50 Irish tunes and collaborations with other artists. Mr. Connolly has had the honor of representing Ireland on three "Masters of the Folk Violin" tours organized by the National Council for the Traditional Arts. In 1990, he won a Massachusetts Cultural Council Fellowship Award, one of three recipients from over 2,500 applicants. Also, Mr. Connolly appeared on the nationally televised "Today Show" and was profiled by Boston's WCVB-TV5 "Chronicle Program." He initiated, produced and cohosted with Larry Reynolds Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann's ongoing weekly radio program of traditional Irish music on WNTN-1550 AM Boston. He also co-hosted the Irish segments of Boston's WGBH National Public Radio series "Ethnicity."

Mr. Speaker, it is with great appreciation and gratitude for Mr. Connolly's dedication and leadership to Irish music that I ask he be recognized. Mr. Connolly possesses the intelligence and poise of an excellent fiddle player, and graciously extends his talent to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY OF RONALD REAGAN

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to first wish former President Reagan and his wife well on his birthday and my thoughts and prayers are with them as he deals with the terrible disease of Alzheimer's. While I support those provisions in H.J. Res. 19, the bill went well beyond a simple birthday wish. I could not in good faith cast a vote for a bill that stated that the Reagan Administration ensured renewed economic prosperity when millions of Americans were hurt by its economic policies.

RECOGNITION OF RAYMOND LANG

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man who passed away on January 30th, 2003. Mr. Raymond K. Lang led a life of service both to his country and to his community. He served in the Air Force for four years, reaching the rank of sergeant, and was also a member of the Rhode Island Air National Guard's 143rd Aerial Port Squadron for twenty years, retiring in April 2002 at the rank of master sergeant.

In 2001, he received an associate's degree in computer science from the Community College of Rhode Island, and until his untimely death, he worked diligently as a project leader in the information technology department at the Wolverine Joining Tube Company. He was an active member of the Asbury United Methodist Church and a committed volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Lang is survived by a wife, Debra Jean Lang; two sons, Peter R. and Ryan C. Lang; two brothers, John J. Lang Jr. and James E. Lang; and one sister, Lorena M. Zisk. They are a testament to his wonderful and giving life. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who mourn his loss. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

BAIT AND SWITCH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article to be included in the RECORD:

[From The New York Times, Jan. 30, 2003]

BAIT AND SWITCH

(By Bob Herbert)

President Bush has learned how to deliver a moving speech. But Tuesday night's State of the Union Message did not address the most important question facing the American people: What kind of nation are we becoming?

The president spoke passionately about bringing "food and medicines and supplies and freedom" to the Iraqi people. But he is leading a hard-right administration here at home that is seriously eroding the economic security, the access to health care, the civil rights and civil liberties and the environmental protections of the American people. The first part of the president's speech was crafted to create exactly the opposite impression. He promised an economy "that grows fast enough to employ every man and woman who seeks a job." He proposed a prescription drug benefit for some retirees. And he said he was ready to commit \$1.2 billion to research into environmentally friendly hydrogen-powered automobiles.

But those were largely bait-and-switch proposals. Despite rising unemployment, the president's plan for the economy was simply a continuation of his tax-cut mania. There was nothing in the way of a job-creation program or a real economic stimulus. And there was absolutely zero help offered to the states and local governments whose budgetary knees are buckling under the weight of their worst fiscal crisis since World War II.

The president's prescription drug benefit, tempting at first glance, is tied to a restructuring of Medicare that will curtail, not enhance, the delivery of health services to the elderly. It was designed to look like an act of compassion. It's not.

The hydrogen cars initiative was a particularly deft touch for a president who has been hammered for his environmental policies. Hydrogen-powered autos could make a difference in the long term, say 20 or 30 years from now, or more. But what is much more significant is that Mr. Bush has stood like a rock with the opponents of increased fuel efficiency for the cars we're driving right now. The payoff for immediately improving vehicle fuel economy would be huge. In addition to saving money for motorists, it would cut pollution, curtail our contribution to the greenhouse effect and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

We heard nothing about that in the speech.

The Bush administration is changing the nation in fundamental ways. However one feels about a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, over the long term a bullying, go-it-alone foreign policy wedded to a military doctrine of preemption is a recipe for destabilization and paranoia around the world. And despite its professed commitment to compassionate policies at home, the administration's obsession with tax cuts is proving destructive on two fronts: It is draining the nation's coffers of money for social programs (including Medicare and Social Security), and blocking any real attempt to invest in a range of programs and infrastructure initiatives that are crucial to the nation's long-term future.

Some of those programs relate directly to domestic security. These issues get short shrift in an atmosphere of imminent war. But I doubt that this is the kind of country most Americans want. And we are already beginning to pay the price. Local taxes are soaring and services are breaking down.

On the night of the president's speech, the governor of New Jersey, James McGreevey, announced that he would be cutting state aid to colleges and universities by 10 percent because of a \$5 billion state budget gap. In Connecticut, nearly 3,000 state workers have been laid off and Gov. John Rowland said another 1,000 needed to go. In some states the public school week is being curtailed. In some, prisoners are being furloughed.

These are telling indications of the real state of the union. As the most powerful nation on earth, and the world's only superpower, the United States has a particular obligation to use its might wisely abroad and to distribute its benefits fairly at home. That is not an easy mission for a hard-right-wing administration, which is why the Bush administration puts such a premium on the rhetoric of compassion.

Behind the veil of rhetoric is a Darwinian political philosophy that, if clearly understood, would repel the majority of Americans. <http://www.nytimes.com>.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM MCCLAIN AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William McClain, a retired judge and former Cincinnati solicitor, who will be formally honored on February 26, 2003 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati. The recipients of this

prestigious award are selected on the basis of special professional achievement; an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

In 1937, Judge McClain arrived in Cincinnati. A product of Wittenberg University and the University of Michigan Law School, he had determination and the good fortune to practice law with the late Theodore Berry. Among the great many firsts he established for African Americans in Cincinnati, Judge McClain became Cincinnati's first African American assistant solicitor (1942); member of the Cincinnati Bar Association (1950); city solicitor (1963); and Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge (1975). He also served as Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge (1977); Hamilton County Municipal Court trial referee (1979). He has taught at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Even today, at age 89, Judge McClain spends time at his office in a major downtown Cincinnati law firm.

The numerous awards he has received include: the Ellis Island Gold Medal of Honor for contributions to culture, diversity and the American way of life; the Race Relations Award from the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission; the National Bar Association Hall of Fame; and a certificate of honor from the NAACP board for outstanding civic contributions to Cincinnati in race relations.

Judge McClain is married to Roberta White McClain, a retired supervisor for the Hamilton County Welfare Department.

All of us in Cincinnati thank Judge McClain for his service to our community, and congratulate him for being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING CHARLES SCRIPPS AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Scripps, who will be formally honored on February 26, 2003 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati. The recipients of this prestigious award are selected on the basis of special professional achievement; an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

Mr. Scripps is a grandson of E.W. Scripps, who founded the newspapers that began the Cincinnati-based media group that now includes the Cincinnati Post and Kentucky Post newspapers, broadcast television stations, and national cable television networks. Although he retired as the company's Chairman in 1994, Mr. Scripps remains on the Board of Directors and also serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the E.W. Scripps Trust.

After attending the College of William & Mary and later Pomona College in California, Mr. Scripps began his career with his father's newspaper, the Cleveland Press, as a police reporter before World War II. After service with the Coast Guard during the war, he returned to the family's business.

During the 1980s, Mr. Scripps became an advocate for literacy. The Scripps Howard

Foundation created an annual award, named for him, to encourage literacy outreach by the media. His civic associations do not end there. He serves on advisory boards for the Greater Cincinnati Salvation Army and the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He is past president of the Inter-American Press Association, and he received an honorary degree in 1983 from Ohio University for his "championship of press freedom worldwide."

Mr. Scripps and his late wife, Lois Anne McKay, have four children. He married Mary Elizabeth Breslin in 1993.

All of us in Cincinnati thank Mr. Scripps for his service to our community, and congratulate him for being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING THE PILGRIMS LANDING AT PLYMOUTH ROCK

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution which recognizes December 21 1960, the date when the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.

The Pilgrims were Dutch and English citizens who sought to escape the religious persecution and economic problems of their time by immigrating to the New World. Their voyage was one of discovery and an enduring quest for freedom that began by boarding the Mayflower. After a difficult journey across the Atlantic, the pilgrims arrived prepared to create a new society modeled on freedom. The many months of hardship and deprivation was rewarded with their arrival at the New World. When land was sighted on November 9, 1620, the Pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact, which ensured the equality of every person. This pact laid the foundation and moral framework for the future United States of America.

When the pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, they faced harsh conditions. It was too cold to plant crops and many died due to exposure, disease and starvation. It was not until the spring when the Pilgrims and Native Americans came together as a community teaching each other survival skills and agriculture that life gradually improved.

During the War of Independence, residents of Plymouth, Massachusetts began celebrating the historic landing at Plymouth Rock. It began as a feast that the descendants of the original pilgrims celebrated and eventually grew into a town festival. The festival continued through the years until President Abraham Lincoln started celebrating it in the White House during the Civil War.

In 1941, Congress passed a Joint resolution that "Thanksgiving" should fall on the fourth Thursday in November but not until now has Congress had the opportunity to commend the actual date the Pilgrims landed.

Please join me in commemorating the first of many steps that crafted this great nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. DORIS HEYMAN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to Doris Heyman, one of my district's most involved civic activists who sadly lost her courageous battle against cancer this month.

Doris was committed to creating a bright future for everyone she came into contact with. A dedicated educator, she was a preschool teacher for over 20 years who was determined to provide children with a solid foundation for school and life success. She was a leader who advanced children's issues through Voices for Children, a leadership organization promoting healthy lives for children and their families.

Doris was a compassionate volunteer for numerous causes and charities for nearly half a century. She actively participated in the American Cancer Society, the Humane Society, the Leukemia Society, and the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition. She was also very active at Safe Space/Domestic Violence Centers and at the Temple Beth Torah and Temple Beth El. This dynamo of a public servant gave hope and courage to many.

A political activist, Doris lived her life with incredible passion for several causes. She fought for beach renourishment, women's reproductive rights and the everglades restoration. Her fight for these causes remains within her legacy. Inspired by her mother's tenacious approach to politics, her youngest daughter, Sally, served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives and today is a Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioner.

Doris was a devoted wife and mother. She was a kindhearted and take-charge woman who fought tirelessly for causes that she believed in until she saw results. She was a very active person who loved the outdoors. Completely unselfish in all her endeavors, she was generous to those in need and will be missed by all that knew her.

HONORING THE SELECTION OF MS. ERIN BEAULIEU FOR THE PRU- DENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Ms. Erin Beaulieu upon her selection as one of two recipients of the Virginia 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Erin, a Red Cross member and eighth-grader at Whitman Middle School in Alexandria, Virginia, started a Red Cross student chapter at her school and encouraged her fellow students to become involved! The chapter now boasts more than 30 members dedicated to helping the American Red Cross respond. For her efforts, she was selected from more than 24,000 nominees to receive a Spirit of Community Award.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created by Prudential Financial in partnership